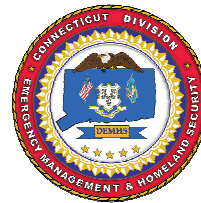




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



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STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING

The National Weather Service has issued Flash Flood Warnings for Hartford and Tolland Counties until 2:15 PM. A Flash Flood Warning also remains in effect for Litchfield County Until 12:15 PM this afternoon. A Flood Watch is in effect for Litchfield, Hartford, Tolland, Windham and Fairfield counties thru this evening. At 11:15 AM radar showed a large area of heavy rain over Central and Northern Connecticut, moving into Eastern Connecticut at this time. Some locations in Litchfield County have received 2 – 4 inches of rain during the past 5 hours and another 1 – 2 inches of rain is likely during the next few hours. This area of rain stretches into Eastern New York State and is continuing to expand back to the west (back building) which may eliminate any significant breaks in the rainfall this afternoon. Towns should expect the moderate to heavy rainfall to continue for the next 3 – 4 hours with a possible break for a few hours late this afternoon between 4:00 – 6:00 PM.

As a slow moving cool front approaches our area from the Northwest late this afternoon and this evening another round of organized showers and thunderstorms can be expected. A few of the thunderstorms may contain strong winds (5% chance) torrential downpours and a slight risk for an isolated weak tornado (2% chance). Urban and small stream flooding is possible under any slow moving thunderstorms. The severity of the thunderstorms will depend in part on how much sun we get this afternoon. At this time it appears that any sunshine will be very limited and temperatures are not expected to reach 85 F therefore the risk of severe thunderstorms may be somewhat diminished. The most likely period for strong to severe thunderstorms if they occur is from 6:00 – 10:00 PM.

Total rainfall for today is now forecast to range from 2 – 4 inches statewide with locally higher amounts up to 6 inches possible in parts of Northern Connecticut. Overall this is expected to be a minor to moderate flooding event and a minor severe thunderstorm event. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest conditions and will send out another update at 3:00 PM or sooner if additional watches or warnings are issued by the NWS.